

**MINUTES**  
**SHARON BOARD OF SELECTMEN**  
*June 19, 2018*

The meeting of the Sharon Board of Selectmen was called to order at 7:00pm in the Town Hearing Room at the Sharon Community Center with Chairman William A. Heitin, Clerk Walter B. Roach, Jr., Selectwoman Emily E. Smith-Lee, Town Administrator Frederic E. Turkington, Jr. and Assistant to the Town Administrator Lauren Barnes. The meeting commenced with the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Swearing-In – Police Chief John Ford**

Chairman Heitin is pleased to be able to introduce John Ford as the next Chief of Police and welcomed Ed Little to the front of the room. Mr. Little thanked the Board for allowing him to be able to swear in Chief Ford and administered the oath of office to Chief Ford in front a full of family and friends. The Chief's wife, Ann-Marie, pinned a badge on her husband.

Ted Philips, Staff Director for State Representative Lou Kafka, presented a citation from the Massachusetts House of Representatives, and Senators Walter Timilty and Paul Feeney presented a citation from the Massachusetts Senate. District Attorney Michael Morrissey congratulated Chief Ford on his appointment and wished him and the Department well.

The Board held a brief recess for the room to clear.

**Legislative Update – Senators Walter Timilty and Paul Feeney**

Senators Walter Timilty and Paul Feeney appeared before the Board. Ted Philips, Staff Director for State Representative Lou Kafka was also present. Senator Feeney explained that he and Senator Timilty have been busy and wanted to report to the Board on their activities and to see if they can assist the Town. Senator Timilty noted that the next few weeks will be very busy. Last week, the Senate passed landmark energy legislation. Senator Feeney explained that the state budget is in Conference Committee right now. The House and Senate budgets included \$60,000 for the Ezra Schwartz Memorial Pavilion at the Ames Street playground and \$50,000 for the establishment of a Cooperative Nature School at The Trustees Moose Hill Farm. Technically, these items are not conferencable because they were included in both budgets. Senator Feeney noted that there may be opioid and substance abuse legislation. He is hosting an opioid roundtable next week in Attleboro and Chief Ford will be attending. There will be a flurry of activity leading up to the end of the legislative session on July 31, so if the Town has any priorities to please reach out to them. Chairman Heitin noted that the Town obtained funding to address parking and other issues at the train station, and movement will be made on this issue. Chairman Heitin noted that the Town's relationship with our legislative delegation made this funding available. Senator Timilty spoke about the need to address substance abuse prevention. In this year's budget, \$30,000 was appropriated for the Sharon Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition. Senators Timilty and Feeney added that they will work to oppose any gas pipelines in the area.

The Board thanked the legislators for their time.

**Consideration of Amendment to Marijuana Host Community Agreement**

Mr. Turkington explained that the representatives from Four Daughters Compassionate Care (FDCC) felt that given the situation, with the two locations they indicated (2-4 Merchant Street and 1200 General Edwards Highway), it was appropriate to amend and restate the Host Community Agreement to indicate FDCC may

locate a marijuana cultivation and processing facility, a marijuana product manufacturing business, and a cultivation and product-manufacturing of medical marijuana at the same location as the retail marijuana establishment and RMD dispensary or locate any of these non-retail functions at the other location not used for the retail marijuana establishment and RMD dispensary, provided that FDCC may only operate one RMD dispensing and retail marijuana establishment in the Town.

**MOTION:** To approve the amended Host Community Agreement  
(Smith-Lee – Roach) 3-0 **PASSES**

#### Consent Calendar

- I. Vote to approve regular & executive session minutes of June 5 & regular session minutes of June 6, 2018
- II. Vote to approve the employment agreement for Police Chief John Ford
- III. Vote to approve, on the recommendation of the Recreation Advisory Committee, the installation of semi-automated high-speed sprinkler heads for in field sprinklers at each of the softball fields at Ames Street, taking into consideration safety concerns for slip resistant surface.
- IV. Vote to approve, on the recommendation of the Recreation Advisory Committee, the kindness rock project and inclusion tiles to be placed in location selected by Recreation Department staff and Friendship Circle representatives at Beech Tree Park
- V. Vote to approve, on the recommendation of the Recreation Advisory Committee, the signage as presented by Ruth Freeman to place signs on Recreation property to collect donations for the Town of Sharon Ezra Schwartz Memorial Pavilion
- VI. Vote to appoint Gordon Gladstone as the Chief Executive Officer's designee to the MSBA Designer Selection Panel for the selection of the architect for the High School project
- VII. Vote to approve the Common Victualler License for DDAS Corp. d/b/a BP Food Mart located at 68 Pond Street
- VIII. Vote to approve the one-day alcohol license (wine & malt) for Seth Stollman for a Bat Mitzvah at the Community Center on Saturday, July 14, 2018 from 5:00pm to 11:00pm

Selectman Roach does not want the stones too close to the labyrinth Mr. Turkington will alert Ms. Berger to Selectman Roach's request.

**MOTION:** To approve the June 19, 2018 consent calendar  
(Smith-Lee – Roach) 3-0 **PASSES**

#### Topics not reasonably anticipated forty-eight (48) hours in advance of the meeting

Selectwoman Smith-Lee read the schedule of activities of the Fourth of July festivities:

##### Sunday, June 24th:

9:00 am Sharon Five Mile Road Race

##### Tuesday, July 3rd:

4:00 pm Bicycle and Doll Carriage Parade

4:30 pm Children's show featuring Circus Dynamics

6:30 pm Live music by Guilty Pleasure

8:00 pm Pie Eating Contest

9:30 pm Independence Day Finale – fireworks over Lake Massapoag

Ongoing activities starting at 4pm:

- Disc jockey, Chris Zienko, at the bandstand
- Sharon's sixth annual food truck fair, featuring some of the Boston area's best food trucks
- Carnival games
- Activities, at the picnic tables on the grass outside the bandstand, organized by the Sharon Recreation Department.
- Train rides and slot car racing games from the Roaming Railroad (a longtime Sharon Independence Day Celebration tradition)
- Photo contest (details to come)

### **Town Administrator's Report**

The Town Administrator reported the following:

- The trash conversion program is underway. 600 carts were delivered yesterday but it is estimated to take 7-8 days to deliver all carts. All of the information is available on the town's website. The collection of resident's old trash carts will take place the week of July 9.
- Sprint is seeking an additional co-location on the Farnham Road tower. More information to follow.
- Two companies are interested in constructing billboards at the rear of Commercial Street. The Town has reached to discuss mitigation funds, similar to what was done with Carroll Advertising.

Selectwoman Smith-Lee noted one piece of correspondence and the concern about pushing out about recycling collection. Mr. Turkington said that the new recycling information is on the website. Selectwoman Smith-Lee suggested including the curbside collection email in correspondence to residents that inquire about trash and recycling matters.

### **Executive Session - 7:35pm**

**MOTION:** To enter into Executive Session to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining; non-union contract negotiation strategy; and pending litigation with regard to real property and at the end, to adjourn for the evening. Discussion of these items in open session may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining position of the Town.

(Heitin - Smith-Lee) 3-0 **PASSES**

Heitin	Aye
Roach	Aye
Smith-Lee	Aye

### **Adjournment**

**MOTION:** To adjourn at 8:15pm

(Roach - Smith-Lee) 3-0 **PASSES**

Heitin	Aye
Roach	Aye
Smith-Lee	Aye

#### List of Documents

- Fred Turkington - June 14, 2018 email correspondence related to Amended HCA for 2-4 Merchant Street (FDCC)
- Draft redline Amended HCA between the Town and FDCC for 2-4 Merchant Street
- April 17, 2018 HCA between the Town and FDCC for 2-4 Merchant Street
- June 5, 2018 Board of Selectmen regular and executive minutes
- June 6, 2018 Board of Selectmen minutes
- Linda Berger – memo requesting approvals for Recreation Advisory recommendations
- Gordon Gladstone – June 13, 2018 email request for appointment as CEO's designee to MSBA Designer Selection Panel
- Common victualler license application – 68 Pond St., DDAS, Corp. dba BP Food Mart
- One-day alcohol license application – Seth Stollman
- Miscellaneous Correspondence